Human Rights Commission City of Northampton 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060 (413) 587-1249

Meeting Notice: Wednesday June 27, 2018, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, Puchalski Municipal Building

Agenda

- 5:30 Public Comment
- 5:40 Approval of May Minutes
- 5:45 Northampton Housing Authority air conditioning issues for tenants.
- 6:00 HRC Do we want to write letter/statement on the federal policy of separating parents from children at border? Northampton City Council took up resolution: should we ask to join forces? Or in letter to editor mention CC resolution and the Gazette editorial from June 19.
- Community Conversations (Commissioner Bush) report out on the June 20 event?
- 6:15 Update: Bystander Training (Commissioner Bellavance-Grace)
- 6:25 Youth Commission, (KBG)
- 6:30 U.S. pulling out of United Nation's Human Rights Commission
 - o are there human rights considerations the NHRC could speak to?
- 6:50 New Business
- 7:00 Adjourn

The NHRC invites members of the public to its meetings. We set aside time at the beginning of each meeting for the public to address us, and we appreciate the thoughts and feedback we receive from the community. Because of our obligations under the Open Meetings Law, all of the work of the Commission can only be done when we are together in our public meetings. For this reason, we cannot respond to the public comments we receive in real time, and we must limit the public comment to a defined time on our meeting agenda. We also welcome feedback via email, HRC@northamptonma.gov

The Human Rights Commission shall act to promote human rights in the city of Northampton. The Commission shall advocate and be an information resource for the rights guaranteed by law on the basis of race or color, gender, physical or mental ability, religion, socioeconomic status, ethnic or national origin, sexual identification or orientation or age for all persons in Northampton.

The mayor or City Council may refer issues pertaining to human rights to the commission for review and recommendation. The commission may organize programs and events to educate about human rights.

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